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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution remembering and honoring former Florida State
3 University President Dr. Bernard F. Sliger.

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5 WHEREAS, Florida State University President Emeritus Dr.
6 Bernard F. Sliger, who served as the university's tenth
7 president, died on October 10, 2007, at 83 years of age, and

8 WHEREAS, a native of Trout Creek, Michigan, Dr. Sliger held
9 three degrees from Michigan State University, bachelor's,
10 master's, and doctorate degrees in economics, and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Sliger's educational career included 19 years
12 as an economics professor and administrator at Louisiana State
13 University and 4 years as Florida State University's executive
14 vice president and chief academic officer, and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Sliger was one of Florida State University's
16 most outstanding presidents who, with his unique combination of
17 intelligence and enthusiasm, promoted higher academic standards
18 and the growth of each faculty member, staff member, and
19 student, and

20 WHEREAS, during Dr. Sliger's tenure as president of Florida
21 State University, from 1977 to 1991 and on an interim basis in
22 1993 and 1994, student enrollment increased by nearly one-third,
23 the university was awarded the National High Magnetic Field
24 Laboratory and acquired three supercomputers, an engineering
25 school was restored there in conjunction with Florida
26 Agricultural and Mechanical University, and the university
27 became the ninth member of the Atlantic Coast Conference, and

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28 WHEREAS, much loved by the university community and known
29 to faculty and students alike as "Bernie," Dr. Sliger was a
30 constant presence on the Florida State University campus,
31 chatting with students, faculty, and staff in his easy-going
32 manner about policies, plans, and complaints, giving everyone
33 the sense of having contributed to the decisions he ultimately
34 made, and

35 WHEREAS, Dr. Sliger will be remembered as a college
36 president like no other, with his self-deprecating wit, his keen
37 intellect, his common-man tastes, and his great humanity and
38 love for people, and

39 WHEREAS, Dr. Sliger is survived by Greta, his wife of 62
40 years, and their four children and eight grandchildren, NOW,
41 THEREFORE,

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43 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
44 Florida:

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46 That Florida State University President Emeritus Dr.
47 Bernard F. Sliger is hereby remembered and honored for his
48 contributions to Florida State University and its faculty,
49 staff, and students.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
51 presented to Mrs. Greta Sliger as a tangible token of the
52 sentiments expressed herein.